

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on January 15, 2007 at 2:55 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Barb Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 139, HB 78, HB 110, HB 116,
1/11/2007

Executive Action: None

00:00:04 Chairman Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 139

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Rep. Gary Branae (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 139, Establish legislative branch retirement termination pay account.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:20 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:39 Rep. Musgrove

00:04:54 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:17 Rep. Branae

HEARING ON HB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:03 Rep. John Parker (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 78, Fund and administer drug treatment courts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:20 Mike McGrath, Attorney General for State of Montana
EXHIBIT(aph09a01)

00:17:15 Kenneth Neill, District Judge, Great Falls

00:24:34 Kurt Krueger, Second Judicial District Court Judge,
Butte

00:29:13 Brenda Desmond, private citizen

EXHIBIT(aph09a02)

00:32:09 Dr. Brenda Roche, Neuropsychological Scientist,
Billings

EXHIBIT(aph09a03)

00:34:04 Pat Melby, Rimrock Foundation, Billings for Mona
Sumner, Chief Operations Officer, Rimrock Foundation

EXHIBIT(aph09a04)

00:34:49 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative
00:36:19 Eric Bryson, citizen
00:37:46 Don Hargrove, Montana Meth Project

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:07 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil
Liberties Union of Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph09a05)

00:44:01 Rep. Morgan left the meeting

Informational Testimony:

00:49:44 Shirley Brown, Family and Child Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:09 Rep. Jayne
00:52:45 Mr. Bryson
00:52:57 Rep. Jayne
00:54:47 Judge Neill
00:55:35 Rep. Jayne
00:57:47 Rep. Parker
00:58:43 Rep. Kasten
01:01:36 Judge Krueger
01:02:19 Rep. Beck
01:02:59 Ms. Desmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:31 Rep. Parker
01:10:09 Rep. Clark returned
01:12:06 Rep. Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:13 Rep. Rick Ripley (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB
116, Revise resource indemnity trust funding laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph09a06)

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph09a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:25 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts

01:24:46 Vicki Marquis, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation District Council

01:26:35 Nichole McClain, Coordinator, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council

EXHIBIT(aph09a08)

01:27:32 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation & Resource Development Division

01:28:19 Richard Oppen, Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:11 Gayle Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

Informational Testimony:

01:35:08 Mic Robinson, Montana University System

EXHIBIT(aph09a09)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:35 Rep. Musgrove

01:38:03 Barb Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

01:38:54 Rep. Musgrove

01:41:00 Mr. Robinson

01:42:08 Rep. Callahan

01:44:30 Ms. Smith

01:44:44 Rep. Sinrud

01:45:47 Ms. Smith

01:45:52 Rep. Taylor

01:46:16 Ms. Smith

01:46:20 Rep. Taylor

01:49:03 Mr. Robinson

01:49:34 Rep. Sesso

01:51:49 Mr. Beck

01:52:58 Rep. Sesso

01:53:49 Ms. Smith

01:54:05 Rep. Sinrud left the room

01:54:55 Rep. Sesso

01:57:18 Rep. Ripley

01:58:18 Rep. Sesso

01:58:55 Rep. Musgrove

01:59:01 Rep. Sinrud returned

02:00:14 Rep. Taylor

02:00:44 Rep. Sinrud

02:01:14 Mr. Robinson

02:02:17 Rep. Sinrud

02:03:21 Mr. Robinson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:16 Rep. Ripley

HEARING ON HB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:13 Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 110, Statutory appropriation for county payments from hard-rock mining trust account.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:09:36 Dave Cole, Administrator, Community Development Division, Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT (aph09a10)

02:17:47 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:21:25 Rep. Kasten

02:21:44 Mr. Blattie

02:22:22 Rep. Kasten

02:22:46 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:52 Rep. Van Dyk

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph09aad.pdf](#))